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SUBJ: LIBYAN SITUATION

1. IN RESPONSE NUMBER OF INQUIRIES FROM LONDON OFFICES US OIL COMPANIES AND CONTRACTORS ACTIVE IN LIBYA, EMB BRIEFED REPRESENTATIVES THOSE COMPANIES THIS MORNING DRAWING ON NONSENSITIVE PARTS STATE 147585 AND OTHER MESSAGES AND EMPHASIZING THAT ALL AMERICANS REPORTED TO BE SAFE.

COMMENT: IN ABSENCE THEIR OWN COMMUNICATIONS, CERTAIN COMPANIES INQUIRED ABOUT POSSIBILITY USING EMB CHANNELS TO QUESTION THEIR LIBYAN MANAGERS ABOUT EMPLOYEES' SAFETY, BUT EMB DISCOURAGES THIS, POINTING OUT EMB TRIPOLI ALREADY EXERTING ITSELF MAINTAIN NECESSARY CONTACTS WITH LIBYAN MANAGERS AND MESSAGES ON BEHALF INDIVIDUAL COMPANIES NOT FEASIBLE.

2. ON OIL LOADING (PARA 10 TRIPOLI 2115) LONDON OFFICE ESSO EUROPE HAD REPORT AT 1400 LONDON TIME TODAY FROM TANKER CAPTAINS LOADING BREGA THAT THEY WOULD NOT BE ALLOWED SAIL. REPORT ADDS THAT TWO OTHER TANKERS REFUSED PERMISSION ENTER BREGA.

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COMMENT: ESSO EUROPE SAYS THIS CHANGE FROM EARLIER SITUATION WHICH WAS CONFUSED BUT UNDER WHICH ESSO ITALIAN TANKER LOADED AND CLEARED EARLY SEPT 2. ESSO SPECULATES LATEST CHANGE COINCIDES WITH ARRIVAL ARMY UNITS BREGA.
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